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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TREATING A HARD MASK TO IMPROVE
ETCH CHARACTERISTICS

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a International Search Report and Written Opinion for the Examiner's consideration. The reference(s) listed therein have been cited in the Office Action dated September 26, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

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